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Thomas Lindsey[2] and Rebeeca Harris, his wife, had five grandsons who bore the name, Thomas Lindsey. Two died in infaney; two bore the name Thomas J.; and the subject of this article, THOMAS NOBLE[4].

Thomas Noble[4] Lindsey was born at Newport, Kentucky, Deeember 22, 1807; the oldest son and second ehild of John Brown[3] Lindsey, of Ireland and his wife, Mariah Noble, of Virginia. He died at Frankfort, Kentueky, November 22, 1877.

He was educated in the private schools of Newport, Ky., and the old Cincinnati College, Cincinnati, O.

He was eonnected, in early youth, with the survey of the Wabash Canal; deputy sheriff of Campbell County 1827, under his father; and again in 1828, under his uncle, James Gardiner[3] Lindsey.

He studied law with Riehard Southgate, at Newport, and at the Mareh 1830 term of Court was given a eertificate of "probity and good demeanor"; lieensed to praetice Law in the Courts of Kentueky, August 1830. His lieense is signed by H. P. Brown, Circuit Judge of the Second Judieial distriet of Kentucky, and by William P. Roper.

Early in 1834 Thomas N. Lindsey located at Frankfort, Ky., where he was married, August 21, 1834, to Isabella Priee Weisiger, (b December 28, 1809; d May 27, 1852), the daughter of Lucy Priee and Captain Daniel Weisiger (b May 18, 1763, in Virginia,) being the third of his name, in this eountry, the first having emigrated from the Netherlands to Virginia, in 1745.

From 1834 to 1841, Thomas N. Lindsey was an aetive partner in the hotel business, left by Captain Weisiger at his death, and, after the sale of the "Weisiger House," he became a law partner with O. G. Cates. He was later elected Commonwealth Attorney for the Federal District; was a member of the Convention of 1850, that framed the Constitution of Kentueky; State Senator 1853-1855; member of the Legislature, from Franklin County, 1857-1859; a director in the Branch Bank of Kentueky, and, later, president of the Farmers Bank.

"He was Mayor pro tem, of Frankfort, Ky., during the oeeupancy by the Confederate troops, and, aeeompanied by other prominent eitizens, under a flag of truce, met on the Versaille's Pike, the Commander of the approaching army, and entered into terms of surrender and protection of the town and the people."

"Mr. Lindsey was a man of decided foree of character. Identified from early manhood with the growth and prosperity of this city, he rapidly attained, by fearless energy and personal ability, positions of eminenee in various stations of social and public life". . . He never sought the avenues of publie preferment, but ehose rather, the quieter, and more useful paths of the legal pro-

fession, in which he was prominently conspicious for zeal and ability". . .

"Mr. Lindsey was ready with his pen and the columns of this paper, in its earlier days, contain many contributions, from his hand, to assist in pushing forward works of progress, or in correcting growth of public evils."

"In social life he was esteemed a rare companion; his rich and inexhaustible vein of humor, his aptness of illustration, and his ready application of homely truths making his presence a welcome adjunct to every circle."

"Added to these was a marked affection perpetually demonstrated in the loving attachments of a large family, which gave to the inner home life a beauty and strength beyond expression" (Frankfort, Ky., Newspaper).

Thomas Noble[4] Lindsey contracted a second marriage, March 13, 1853, with Mrs. Louisa M. Applegate (b June 24, 1808; d February 24, 1873.) There was no family by this marriage.

Children of the first marriage were:

1. DANIEL WEISIGER[5], (b October 3, 1835; d August 4, 1917.); married January 19, 1864, Katherine McIlvaine Fitch, the daughter of Thomas Fitch, of England; and Sara Dumesnil, of Louisville, Ky., whose ancestors came from France. Mrs. Lindsey died December 17, 1927 in her 88th year.

D. W. Lindsey secured the foundation of a splendid education in the private schools of Frankfort, Ky.; graduated in 1853 from the Kentucky Military Institute, which, in after years, conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts.

He was engaged, for a time, in the coal-mining business; entered the Louisville, Ky., Law School in the winter of 1856-1857, and was graduated from that institution.

"In the spring of 1858 he began the practice of Law at Frankfort, Ky., and when the Civil War came on he resigned as Captain of the State Guards in May 1861, and, when General William Nelson opened a recruiting station for the Federal troops, D. W. Lindsey became a drill master for the recruits. When General Thomas L. Crittenden became Inspector General, Lindsey became Adjutant General on the staff, and when Crittenden became General in the U. S. Army, General Lindsey was commissioned to raise a regiment. This he accomplished with energy and expedition, and the regiment became the Twenty-second Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, and as such, was mustered into the United States Army service, with D. W. Lindsey as Colonel."

"He served with General Garfield's expedition up the Big Sandy River; participated in the taking of Cumberland Gap; was in the expedition up the Kenewah Valley; and later ordered to Memphis, Tennessee.

After the Vicksburg campaign, he was, with his command, ordered to New Orleans, La., in the Department of the Gulf; and remained in that department until the latter part of 1863, when he tendered his resignation to become Inspector General, and later, Adjutant General, of Kentucky, which position he held until the fall of 1867. During that time he accomplished an important work—the "Compilation of the Adju-

tant General's Report," 1861-1866, of Kentucky, a two volume publication which contained the military history of every officer and soldier in the Civil War."

January 1868, Daniel Weisiger[5] Lindsey resumed the practice of Law in partnership with his father, Thomas Noble[4] Lindsey, and after the latter's death was associated with his brother, John Brown[5] Lindsey.

In 1868, he was a director of the Branch Bank of Kentucky, which became the National Branch Bank of Kentucky, of which, he became president in 1880. Politically, he was a Republican, with his family, he was a member of the Episcopal Church, and served as vestryman for many years; a Mason, and eligible to wear the gallant white plume of the Knight Templar; a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Order of Elks; and held membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. He was president of the Frankfort Water Company.

Children; (i) Antoinett Dumesil[6], (b October 26, 1864; d October 30, 1881).

(ii) Thomas Noble[6]. studied Law at University of Virginia; a lawyer and Referee in Bankruptcy, at Frankfort, Ky.

(iii) Henry Fitch[6], president of the National Branch Bank, of Frankfort, Kentucky.

(iv) Daniel Weisiger[6], lawyer; attended Princeton University; a member of the Smith and Lindsey Insurance Company; president of the Frankfort Water Company. He married, at Richmond, Va., October 28, 1903, Annie Munford Merrill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Franklin Merrill. One son, Daniel Weisiger[7] Lindsey the third.

(v) Katchrine Fitch[6], married October 1, 1903, Wade Hampton Negus, of Greenville, Miss., where they reside. two children; Katherine Lindsey[7], and Louise[7].

II. JOHN BROWN[5], (b July 4, 1837; d April 8, 1922); married January 18, 1860, Helen Talbot (b June 12, 1841; d February 21, 1908), daughter of William Garrard Talbot and wife, Cordelia Wood. Wililam Talbot was a son of Isham Talbot (U. S. Senator from Kentucky, 1815 -19, and 1820- 1825); and grandson of James Garrard, Governor of Kentucky.

On the maternal side Mrs. Lindsey's lineage traced back to Donald McDonald, of Fredericksburg, Va., a native of Ireland, and his wife, Helen Barrett.

John Brown[5] Lindsey began his education in the private schools of Frankfort, Ky., but when not more than eight or nine years of age, entered as a cadet in the Kentucky Military Institute. This school being closed for a time by an epidemic of typhoid fever, J. B. Lindsey, after his recovery from the fever, entered the Classical School of B. B. Sayre, of Frankfort, until the summer of 1851, when he returned to the Institute, graduating in June 1854, as Civil Engineer, and B. of A., and, in June 1856, received his degree of M. A.

From June 1854 to December 1856, he clerked in a book-store, and studied Law with his father, T. N. Lindsey. He was sufficiently well versed to practice Law at nineteen, but had to wait until he was twenty-one to get a license.

In December 1856, he accompanied his grandmother, Mrs. Lucy Price Weisiger, to Mission Valley, Texas, where he engaged in farming and stock-raising. In 1857 he raised a crop of 75 acres of corn and 5 acres of millet, which he sold at a profit.

From May 1, 1857 to the fall of 1859, he traveled in Mexico and western Texas, bought mules and drove them from there along up the frontier to Missouri, Illinois, and Kentucky.

Mrs. Weisiger died in Texas, 1857, and the principal tie being broken J. B. Lindsey, in the fall of 1859, returned to Kentucky, and with his father, bought a farm of 300 acres in Woodford County, Ky., upon which he built the home to which he took his bride in 1860. The writer has often heard him tell how he carried one end of every beam that was used in the building of that home, and all the lime used was made from the stone quarried on the place. Before the close of the Civil War he freed his slaves and moved to Frankfort, where he practiced law until his death in 1922.

He was a member of the firm of D. W. & J. B. Lindsey, and was especially well known for his work on land titles. He was an agent of the Home Insurance Company of New York for fifty years.

In 1865, J. B. Lindsey became a member of the Episcopal Church at Frankfort, and spent many years in active service in the Sunday School as superintendent, and as a vestryman of the church.

Children: (i) Helen[6] (b November 5, 1860; d April 5, 1887); (ii) Maria[6], well known music teacher of Frankfort; studied under Mr. E. A. Fellmer and later in Cincinnati, Ohio; and finished her education in Berlin, Germany. She was one of the founders of the Woman's Club of Frankfort, and has written and published several short stories.

(iii) William Talbot[6], (b February 5, 1865; d November 13, 1922); married December 4, 1895, Mary Brown Ely, at Frankfort, Ky.; studied law at the University of Virginia; moved to Tryon, N. C., on account of ill health where he was a well known realtor, fruit grower and banker. Two children; Edwin Samuel[7], married June 21, 1921, Violet Bray of Tryon, N. C. He is a member of the Faculty of the University of Chattanooga, Tenn. One daughter, Anne Henderson[8]. Mary[7], married April 12, 1926, Harry A. Huntley of New York.

(iv) Isabelle[6]; (v) Cordelia[6]; (vi) Lucy Weisiger[6], died in infancy; (vii) John B[6]. Jr. and (viii) Mary Dudley[6] both died in infancy; (ix) Dudley[6], studied law at the University of Virginia, and for several years has been in the city prosecutor's office in Los Angeles, California. Married Estelle Lawton of Owensboro, Ky., July 14, 1903. Mrs. Lindsey is a prominent newspaper writer and former member of the Los Angeles City Council; the first woman to serve on the council of a city of the first class in the United States. (x) John Brown[6] Jr. (second), graduated from Lehigh University, 1898, as a Civil Engineer; was with the Louisville and Nashville R. R. for several years; and now, 1928, is assistant to the chief engineer of the Atlantic Coast Line R. R. He married, January 1, 1924, at Los Angeles, California, Olive Ethelyn Conrey, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Nath-

aniel P. Conrey. Two children; Ethelwyn Patricia, and Helen Talbot[7]. (xi) Lilian[6], studied library work under the Indiana Library Commission, and at Los Angeles, Calif., Library School; chairman of the first library committee, of the Frankfort Womans Club, that started the Public Library, opened December 12, 1908, in Frankfort, Ky. (xii) Genevieve[6], a teacher for several years in the public schools of Franklin County.

The sisters all reside in the old home, Washington and Wapping streets, owned and occupied by their father, John Brown[5] Lindsey, their grandfather, Thomas Noble[4] Lindsey, and their great grandmother, Lucy Price Weisiger.

III. MARIA LOUISA[5], (b May 1, 1840; d December 28, 1920); married April 2, 1867, to her cousin, John Richard Thomas[4], (b February 5, 1828; d March 18, 1892), son of Emily Harris Lindsey[3], and Owen Davies Thomas, of Marion County, Ky. Children; (i) Thomas Lindsey[6], died in infancy; (ii) "Owen Davies[6], married Carrie Phillips, February 20, 1896, the daughter of H. B. Phillips, of Lebanon, Ky. He was educated in the public schools and the Loventhal Academy, of Lebanon; entered the Marion National Bank, as collection clerk, in 1886, and in January 1906 was elected cashier," a position he still holds (1928). "He has served as city councilman; trustee of the jury fund; and as Mayor from 1906-1910;" a Mason, a member of the Presbyterian Church and an active worker in both. No family.

(iii) Emily[6], married James T. Elliott, D. D. S., of Lebanon, Ky., Oct. 18,1893. One son: John Thomas[7], (b Oct. 8, 1894, d Oct. 13, 1913.) (iv) Lucy Blayney[6], a teacher of English, at the Castle School, Tarrytown, New York. She received her B. A. degree from the University of Kansas, and M. A. degree from Columbia University.

(v) John Richard[6], married Sept. 12, 1906, Georgia G. Birmingham, of Gananoque, Ontario, Canada. He has been Judge of the Lebanon Police Court for twenty-six years and has two more years to serve. They have two children; Margaret Lindsey[7]; Dorothy Cunningham[7], (vi) "Daniel Lindsey[6], (b January 18, 1880; d March 6, 1920), graduated from Center College, Danville, Ky.; was assistant principal of the Danville, Ky. schools, in 1900; attended Munich and Ford Universities; was head of the English department at Center College, 1909; in the Y. M. C. A. educational service in the World War; and head of the English department at A. E. F. University, at Dijon."

"Princeton University conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. From 1907-1909 he was assistant, and then Professor of English in the University of Kansas; a member of the Modern Language Association of America; a contributor of articles to professional publications; Journal of English and German Philolophy; English Studein; and Modern Philology."*

"He wrote the introduction to the "Plays and Poems", of George Chapman, edited by Dr. T. M. Parrott, of

* A review of this work by Dr. Thomas, appeared in the Journal of English and American Philology, July, 1911.

Princeton University. He was president of the Kentucky Folklore Society. A work entitled "Kentucky Superstitions", by Dr. Thomas, was published after his death."

A tribute to the memory of Dr. Thomas was printed in the Kappa Alpha Journal, May 1920.

IV. LUCY WEISIGER[5], (b April 1, 1842, d February 28, 1881, in Mentone, France.), married November 3, 1870, Rev. John McClusky Blayney (b February 21, 1841, in Ohio County, Va., d March 12, 1909.) He was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Frankfort for many years. Three children; (i) Faris died November 20, 1872, aged one month, 16 days. (ii) Thomas Lindsey[6], graduated at Center College, Danville, Ky.; Professor of Modern Languages for ten years, at Center College; received his Ph. D. degree from Heidelberg University; for several years from 1914, was Professor of German at Rice Institute, Texas; member of Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

He saw twenty months of active service, overseas, during the World War; was with the Ninetieth American Division; the Sixty-sixth Division of Chasseur Alpins, and saw service at St. Mihiel, Chateau Thierry, and in the Argonne, where he was seriously gassed. He was awarded the Greek Cross, two Croix de Guerre, the White War Eagle of Serbia, and the highest honor of the French Government, the Cross of Officer of the Legion of Honor. The latter medal was presented to Dr. Blayney, February 5, 1920, by General Pershing, in Houston, Texas, on the occasion of the Pershing dinner given on that date. (See Kappa Alpha Journal, May 1920.)

Dr. Thomas Lindsey Blayney is now, (1928) Dean of Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota. He married Sept. 9, 1896, Gertrude South, of Frankfort, Ky., by whom he had three children; Lucy[7], died at the age of three years; John McClusky[7], (married Wilhelmina Blackburn Kenyon; they have two children Margaret Kenyon[8] and Mary Elizabeth[8],) Thomas Lindsey[7] Jr.

(iii) John McClusky[6] Jr., married Eva Clare Grant, June 6, 1906. Children: Frances Lindsey[7]; John McClusky[7]; Thomas Lindsey[7]. John McClusky[6] Jr., is a lawyer in St. Louis, Missouri, a member of the firm, Eliot, Blayney and Bedal.

V. THOMAS Noble Jr.[5], (b December 8, 1844; d March 16, 1919), married, July 21, 1875, Stella Lavinia Rawson (b August 12, 1856, in Cleveland, Ohio: d December 23, 1916), the daughter of Julia Putnam and Orrin Rawson (a descendant of Edward, of Newbury, Secretary of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay, 1650-1686). Julia Putnam was a relative of General Israel Putnam and also of General Rufus Putnam.

Thomas Noble[5] Lindsey Jr., kept a well known Art Store, in Louisville, Ky., where his family reside.

Children: (i) Thomas Rawson[6], married Anna Louise Horton, Feb. 5, 1901. He was in the Quartermasters Department of the U. S. Army, during the World War, and spent some time in France. They have one daughter, Mary Elizabeth[7], who married Vertner de Garmo Smith, March 1, 1921, and has two children, Vertner de Garmo[8] Jr.; and Marjory Ann[8].

(ii) Fannie Hoyt,[6] married H. Bruce Huffman, April 12, 1909.

(iii) Julia Rawson.[6]

VI. MARY BELLE,[5] (b March 13, 1847), married February 12, 1867, Henry Dumesnil Fitch (b. March 4, 1845; d April 2, 1892), son of Sara Dumesnil and Thomas Fitch (born in England). Mrs. Fitch is living, with her son, Thomas Lindsey[6], in Warrenton, Virginia (July 1928).

Children: (i) Isabella[6] (b January 1, 1869; d June 1912); (ii) Thomas Lindsey,[6] married June 1926, Edna Rhodes, of Warrenton, Va. He is an excellent linguist, and taught French to the soldiers, at Camp Knox, during the World War. They have one daughter, Margaret Dumesnil.[7] (iii) Henry Dumesnil[6] Jr., president of the Kentucky-Tennessee Light and Power Company; vice president of the Associated Gas and Electric Company, of N. Y. He married, September 15, 1894, Stella Riggs. They have four children: Elizabeth,[7] married April 17, 1922, Lucius Squier, and they have one daughter, Henrietta.[8] Henrietta[7]; Lindsey[7]; and Stella.[7] (iv) Katherine McIlvane,[6] married April 3, 1915, Edward Halket Allen. They have one son Edward Jay,[7] residence, Clarksville, Tennessee. (v) Louise,[6] married December 23, 1900, Frank Whitehead. They have three children: William Riddick[7]; Florence Allaire[7]; Frank Fitch.[7] (vi) Roland[6], General Manager of the Kentucky-Tennessee Light and Power Company; married June 6, 1906, Georgia Dulaney. They have four children: Virginia[7]; Roland[7]; Mary Belle[7]; Dulaney[7].

VII. JOSEPH WEISIGER,[5] (b August 15, 1851), married January 9, 1873, Maria Crittenden Watson (b January 29, 1852; d October 30, 1919). He was educated at B. B. Sayre's school, Frankfort, Ky., and General Kirby Smith's Military College. He began his business career in Louisville, Ky., 1870; in 1882, became a traveling salesman for the Henry Nurre Company, Cincinnati, O., for the southern territory, retiring in 1927. He resides with his family, in Louisville, Ky. His wife, Maria Watson, was the daughter of William Henry Watson, and wife, Elizabeth Ann Todd; and granddaughter of Maria Knox Innis, who married, first, John Harris Todd; second, Governor John J. Crittenden.

Children: (i) Henry Watson,[6] member of the State Guards for twenty-five years, with rank of Major for ten years; Captain for 11 months, in Porto Rico, during the Spanish-American War; returning from that country was mustered out and commissioned as an officer in the regular Army, serving in the Philippines as First Lieutenant and Batallion Adjutant; from 1909-1917, Chief of Police, Louisville Ky. (ii) Thomas Noble[6]; (iii) Elizabeth Watson,[6] married, Oct. 25, 1904, John Reed Williams, (died January 21, 1914). (iv) Marie Crittenden,[6] married Joseph McFarlane Rogers, Nov. 5, 1918. (v) Joseph Weisiger,[6] Jr., married Marion Alexander Campbell, Sept. 17, 1910. One child: Marion Watson[7].

Sources of information: "History of Kentucky," Collins; "History of Kentucky," Judge Kerr; "History of Kentucky," Johnson; Miss Lilian Lindsey, Frankfort, Ky.; Bible Records and Private Papers of John Brown[3] Lindsey, of Ireland, and Newport, Ky., also Bible Records of Thomas Noble Lindsey at Frankfort, Kentucky.